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- 1. The validity of the first identity cards (Buletin de Identitate) issued in 1950 expired in early 1955, and the authorities made arrangements for an extension of validity of the card. An applicant must present his identity card and his birth certificate (Certificat de Nastere) at the police station of the district in which he lives. Male applicants must also present their military reserve booklets, and female applicants must present their marriage certificates. The police officer responsible for handling applications for extension of validity of identity cards compares the personal data on the various documents and, provided that he finds no discrepancies, grants the extension. However, if any particulars in the various documents are not identical, the applicant must hand the documents to another official and must wait from three to six days for a new card to be issued.
- 2. Any person who loses his identity card must report the loss to the district police station immediately and pay a fine of 100 lei. He must also undergo an interrogation which may last for several hours and them submit a curriculum vitae covering the most minute details of his past life. The police are also quite likely to call upon him at home for additional questioning, to question his neighbors, and to make other inquiries. One case is known in 1955 of a new identity card being issued two months after the less of the old card was reported.
- 3. A revised type of birth certificate (Certificat de Nastere, Model Nou) has been issued for a number of years. Immediately following the issuance of the revised type, the authorities refused to accept the former certificates as valid, but the old certificate is now again recognized as valid. The revised type is also issued upon request. If the birth certificate is lost, it is extremely difficult to replace, and the reasons for the loss must be written in great detail for the police station in the loser's district of residence. If the certificate has not been found after a certain period of time, the police will apply for issuance of a new certificate.

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